

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

DATE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 27, 2013
TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SCOTT H. NEAL, CITY MANAGER
RE: FRIDAY REPORT FOR SEPT. 27, 2013

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- 1. Neighborhood Associations** – The City will host a neighborhood organizing workshop 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Edina Senior Center. Interested residents should RSVP to mail@EdinaMN.gov. Staff are currently assisting The Heights and Concord neighborhoods with organizing efforts. Staff are also assisting the Countryside neighborhoods in becoming recognized associations. Staff has worked with social media site Nextdoor.com to import Edina's neighborhood names and boundaries for future neighborhood use. Lastly, the Communications Division has updated the City's website with a new feature highlighting our newly recognized neighborhood associations.
- 2. 54th Street Reconstruction Plan** – The design team will host a Community Design Feedback Session 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30. Boards and Commission members, along with the City Council, have been invited to attend from 5 to 7 p.m. The design team will share potential designs for the roadway, bridge and storm water management plan.
- 3. Southdale Grand Re-Opening** – The celebration at Southdale is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28 – rain or shine. Activities are scheduled throughout the day.
- 4. THINK Bank Proposal** – Staff received a sketch plan proposal to re-develop the old Szechuan Star site at 3655 Hazelton Road. The specific proposal is to tear down the existing building and build a two-story bank with a drive-through on the site. The Planning Commission considered three alternatives for building placement on the site at its Sept. 25 meeting. The City Council will review the request on Oct. 14.
- 5. Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Projects** — Lake Edina Neighborhood getting its final pavement this week. Mendelssohn Neighborhood Phase One will be paved with the first level of asphalt next week – restoration of that phase will then begin. Normandale Neighborhood Phase Two will be paved with the first level of asphalt later next week. Restoration will continue on both stages next week.
- 6. Grandview Sanitary Sewer Analysis** – Barr Engineering is working to analyze the existing capacity and potential future capacity of the sanitary sewer system for the Grandview Area. They will be updating the computerized sanitary sewer model prior to reviewing the system affected by the Grandview area planning process, including analyzing today's flows through the system. We expect initial results in early December.
- 7. France Avenue Corridor Improvement Project** – The re-scoped plans have been submitted to the MNDOT Federal Aid office for review. We expect approval by the end of next week. The approval might be delayed due to Congress-

sional action or in action on the federal government's budget. We have tentatively set the bid opening for the project on Nov. 20.

- 8. Police & Schools** — School Resource Officers (SROs) facilitated a guest speaker whose husband was killed in 2010 by a drunk driver. It was very impactful for the sophomores attending the presentation. After the talk, several students talked to her. One of the students stated that his/her father was the person jogging by that called it in and provided details for dispatch. The SROs also put on a mock crash for the junior and seniors. It was an opportunity for the police to work with the school to teach the students life lessons through a staged scene and acting instead of having to learn it firsthand.
- 9. Byerly's France Avenue Project** — A tentative bid opening for the Hazelton Roadway Improvements is set for Nov. 20.
- 10. The Value of Traffic Enforcement** — Officer Heckert stopped a car for expired registration tabs. As part of the stop, he discovered the driver's criminal history. He searched the vehicle and arrested the occupants for possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools (gloves, crowbars, pliers, rope, flashlights, lock pick, books on picking locks) and for a felony Department of Corrections warrant. Some of the items recovered included victims' passports, credit cards, driver's licenses, numerous cell phones, coin collections, Social Security cards, money and other valuable items. This is a good example of how traffic enforcement can lead to arrests that reduce future criminal acts.
- 11. SWBTYR Event** — On Oct. 12 at 4 p.m., there will be a celebration event to proclaim Edina, Hopkins, Minnetonka and St. Louis Park as official Beyond the Yellow Ribbon cities. The event will be held in Hopkins Downtown Park. The event will include military and veterans' family recognition, military vehicle display, exhibits about available resources, Proclamation Ceremony and guest speakers and entertainment.